

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 13, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 27 to 29 were pending in the application. Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 13, 18, 20, 21, 27 and 29 were rejected. By this amendment claims 1 to 5, 7 to 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27 and 29 are cancelled. Claim 28 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (i.e. previous claim 1). New claims 30 to 45 are added.

The basis for fresh claims 30 to 45 are as follows:

New Claim No.	Previous claim No.
30	2
31	3
32	4
33	5
34	7
35	8
36	17
37	27
38	9
39	18
40	10
41	11
42	12
43	13
44	20 and
45	21.

Previous claim 28 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated by the Examiner as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

In response, claim 28 has been amended so as to include all of the features of previous claim 1. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 28 is now in an allowable form.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the Examiner should withdraw the objection to claim 28, and that claim 28 is allowable.

The amendments to the claims further define what the Applicants regard as their invention. Full support for the amendments can be found throughout the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added, and the entry of the amendments above and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-mentioned Application are respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The Examiner indicated a potential objection to claim 29, in view of claim 13. This is rendered moot in view of the deletion of both of these claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 8 to 11, 13, 20, 21, 27 and 29 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by US 20040024717 (WELLS). It is respectfully submitted that this objection is rendered moot in view of the deletion of claims 1, 8 to 11, 13, 20, 21, 27 and 29.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected previous claims 2 to 5, 7, 12, 17 and 18 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent application US 20040024714 (WELLS), and further in view of US Patent Number 6,892,300 (CARROLL).

It is respectfully submitted that these rejections are rendered moot in view of the deletion of claims 2 to 5, 7, 12, 17 and 18.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this Application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone should there be any remaining questions as to the patentability of the pending claims.

It is not believed that any fees are due in connection with this amendment other than those provided for in the Request for Continued Examination and the Petition for Extension of Time. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1980, The HT Than Law Group. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone should there be any remaining questions as to the patentability of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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